

**Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission
Youth Issues Committee
November 19, 2007**

LEGAL ACTION REPORT AND ADOPTED MINUTES

Commissioners present: Wendy Cevallos (Interim Chair), Samantha Paz, Isabella Soto
PC/TWC staff present: Monica Mueller
Public: Mary Lee Wright, Angel Viano

Meeting Location: PC/TWC office, 240 N. Court Street, Tucson, AZ

1) Call to order 2:35

2) Agenda reviewed and accepted

3) Announcements

- a) Southern Arizona Women's Foundation has invited the Commission to proceed in developing a full proposal in response to its letter of intent for the current grant round; the proposal concerns education re credit and smart borrowing
- b) The Committee still seeks a permanent Chair.
- c) Introductions - Mary Lee Wright is interested to learn and participate in the Commission's work. She is a senior at Saguaro High School and learned about the Commission at the Running and Winning event this month. Mary Lee reviewed her strong background in community and leadership work.

4) Reviewed minutes of last meeting (10/15/07).

Samantha motioned to approve the minutes, Wendy seconded. All in favor.

5) New Business

- a) Monica gave an update on the work of Shanti Mendola, a college student who wants to create videos to promote the Commission's work.

6) On-going Business

a) Planning the Speak Out! Conference for Young Women; calendaring

(Also participating in this discussion: Angel Viano, a PCTWC volunteer who has been organizing Speak Out materials from past years. Angel stated her interest in continuing to volunteer in some capacity with this event.)

Samantha and Wendy attended the latest meeting of Adelante Nuestro Futuro, an event for girls and moms (Hispanic preferred), to discuss a possible collaboration. This meeting was motivated by the possibility of working with Adelante as an alternative to presenting the Speak Out! conference, originally scheduled for November 2007, which has similar goals to Adelante's. The Commission offered possible assistance with presenters, media, recruitment of participants, and volunteers. Adelante informed them that they were set with presenters and workshops. They did request that the Commission help them recruit girls and mothers, and help with decorations and money. In exchange the Commission can get a place on their brochure and can set up an information table.

The Committee discussed our capacity to partner with Adelante in light of our obligations to organize a Speak Out! Conference under the grant from the Southern Arizona Women's Foundation. Per

Monica's conversation with the Foundation director, if we replace our Speak Out! activity with Adelante, we must write a letter proposing this change, subject to approval by the Foundation.

Options presented:

- Do we partner up with Adelante *and* do a Speak Out Conference in April 2008?
- Do we partner up with Adelante and wait to do the Speak Out Conference in November 2008? or
- Do we not partner up, and do a Speak Out conference in April 2008?

The Committee discussed at length the pros and cons of each option, such as the costs/benefits, time available, whether or not our grant funders would allow funds to be redirected, degree of compatibility with the level of effort expended at past Speak Outs, and event dates.

Wendy motioned to also do our own Speak Out Conference in April 2008, as well as an information table with Adelante on February 16th 2008. Isabella seconded. All in favor.

Mary Lee suggested to recruit assistance from the volunteer community in Tucson and student councils.

Isabella provided history – the 2006 Speak Out was held at Mansfield Middle School. Every year the Youth Committee alternates doing the Speak Out at a middle school and high school. If Tucson High School is not available this year, Josephine King (former Youth Issues Committee Chair) can request space from Wakefield Middle School. Monica informed that she can also consult Kata Mapes, a counselor at Tucson High, to see if space is available there.

b) Review Nina Trasoff meeting

Wendy and Monica met with Nina Trasoff, sponsor/workshop presenter at the past Speak Out!, to introduce Monica and to discuss our ideas regarding the Speak Out! and working with Adelante as a possible alternative. Ms. Trasoff informed the Commission that whatever we want to do with the Speak Out Conference is up to us, but to keep her updated.

At this meeting, ideas for Women's History Month were also briefly discussed. Angel informed of a women's art group called the Feminine Mystique in Tubac, as a possible participant.

7) Youth Commissioner/Committee Recruitment

Monica, Wendy and Bo Popovic participated in planning and also attended the Running and Winning Conference; Mary Lee was a participant. Monica and Wendy gave an update on the conference. Monica brought up the possibility of recruiting youth at the follow up meeting.

8) Adjournment

Wendy motioned to adjourn; Isabella seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned approx. 4:15pm.